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In re the Application of:

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For: DIGITAL BROADCASTING SYSTEM AND DIGITAL
VIDEO RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUS

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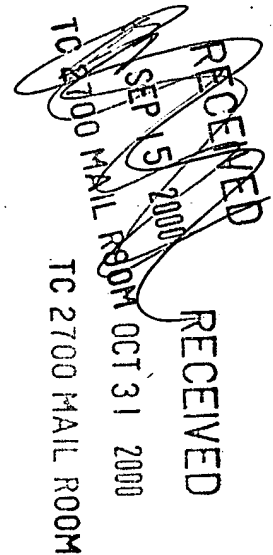
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Applicant wishes to make of record the disclosure document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, which is believed to be the most relevant known to applicant concerning the invention as claimed in the application identified above. A copy of the reference is enclosed herewith.

To satisfy the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance applicant notes that Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 9-251761 inhibits the reproduction of information that should not be reproduced in a special manner by recording the information in an information storage medium such as a DVD (Digital Versatile Disc). The present invention, however, has novelty over the cited reference in view of assigning flag(s) that ban the performance of special playbacks as a format in broadcasting. An English language Abstract accompanies this reference.

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under Rule 97(c) and charge the requisite Rule 17(p) fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-1390, under Order No. FUR0008-US and proceed to consider this Information Disclosure Statement.


The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office may, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

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